

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/115,654

Applicant(s)
Shibata

Examiner
Clark F. Dexter

Group Art Unit
3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. Scott Wakeman

(3) _____

(2) Mr. Clark Dexter

(4) _____

Date of Interview Nov 9, 2000

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 18, and 20-25

Identification of prior art discussed:

Deley

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Wakeman proposed changes to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 USC 112 and the prior art rejections. Applicant proposed changes to claims 1 and 18 directed to the automatic locking of the claimed locks upon detection of movement of the saw. Mr. Dexter stated that structure should be claimed to detect the saw movement, and the addition of such language to the claims would appear to obviate the prior art rejection under 35 USC 102 since Deley does not disclose any detecting structure. Language was discussed to obviate the "112" rejections. Mr. Dexter stated that further consideration would be given to the "112" rejections to claim 25, and stated that the current language appears to be acceptable since it appears that the detector plate is separate from the sensor.

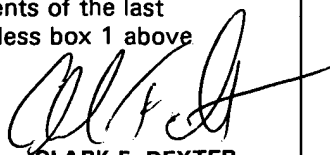
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.


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